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A HOLIDAY.

The Heavens were weeping throughout the greater part of the Memorial Day exercises yesterday. There was a great gathering of people of all 98 HOTEL STREET, HONOLULU. SPECIAL BUSINESS ITEMS. nationalities at the cemetery. The graves, and especially those of the sleeping war veterans, were profusely decorated with flowers and vines.

The day was practically a holiday The Government offices suspended business early in the forenoon while the business portion of the city was deserted after the noon hour. Only the Government schools were in ses-

The procession was late in reaching the cemetery. Many carriages and hundreds of pedestrians preceded it. Immediately upon the arrival of the column at the cemetery, the services were begun on the G. A. R. plot. After an appropriate selection by the Government band, Post Commander L. L. La Pierre read the ritual. This was followed by prayer by Chaplain Greene. Comrade Williams decorated the graves of the dead.

O. C. Swain, of the Sons of Veterans, read Lincoln's Gettyberg address. Comrade J. A. Cruzan followed with an oration. The roll call of the dead was made by Adjutant Copeland. Then were fired three volleys over the graves of the veterans by the Bennington bluejackets.

The great throng of people then took up the strains of America, accompanied by the band, at the conclusion of which, Hair dressing department re-opened. Rev. Douglas Putnam Birnie pronounced the benediction.

THE ORATION.

Following is the excellent address their faces in despair. by Rev. J. A. Cruzan, orator of the

It is thirty-seven years since the first gun fired at Sumpter called a nation to arms. A new generation, worthy in every way to succeed that one, has drawn its sword in one of the most righteous wars that the world has ever seen, and it is now making history. Some of our comrades who wore Tel. 345. the blue in that older struggle are helping in the new. Dewey, Sampson and Schley of the navy, and Miles, Merritt, Shafter and scores of others, who are now in this army, which is now making history, shared the fortunes

Today we pause to remember. We call to mind another righteous war. We remember another army which carried the old flag at Donaldson, Shiloh, Pittsburg, Chickamauga, Atlanta, Antietam, Cold Harbor, Fredericksburg, Chancellorville, Gettysburg and in the Wilderness. We remember another navy that fought at Forts Henry. and Donaldson, Hampton Roads, New Orleans, Fort Fisher and Mobile Bay. IXL and see the low prices We recall such names as Lyons, Baker. in Antique Oak Bedroom Sets, Reynolds, Hancock, Schofield, Rose-Rockers, Bureaus, Tables, Meat Reynolds, Hancock, Scholleid, Roseas, Sheridan, Sherman and Grant. We remember Admirals Foote, Dahlgren, Porter and Farragut. We remember Wilson, Sumner, Ben Wade, Chase, Stanton and Abraham Lincoln. These men, and the boys in blue they led, also made history of which Americans

shall ever be proud. I want to open a page or two of this older history and see what we find written thereon. It was given to these history makers, whom we honor today, to uphold our flag and save our nation from dismemberment. More than a century ago into this bit of bunting our forefathers stitched and stained our democracy. It became more than a bit of bunting, it was a symbol of a free country, nationality. Fired on at Sumpter, hauled down through one-half of America, the loyal North sprang to arms in its defense. Why? Because that flag meant America. The ringing words of General John A. Dix, "If any man attempts to haul down the American flag shoot him on the spot," found response in

every American heart. That flag stood for nationality, liberty, equality. With one and a half million loyal bayonets back of it, what

everywhere, and how the insurgent dare not speak." a power as England in Venezuela dis- ica would protect you?" covered, as Spain is learning in Cuba "Yes,, perhaps, but men who dare to and the Philippines today. Why this speak, disappear mysteriously. What nower in this bit of bunting? Be- then, could my government do? Ali cause these our comrades stained is right. We dare not speak."

the people and by the people, is a pos- ed: "Three cheers for grand Old Glory sibility.

and a country where men and women Again and again had the experiment | dare to speak." Jews tried it in Palestine. Greece, Listen to Whittier: Rome and France failed signally. With these failures in mind, Webster thirty years before Sumpter said: "If we also fail, popular government will forever be an impossibility." And so thought the world. When, in '61, the In the foul market place I stood lurid fires of civil war lighted our Wes- | And saw the Christian mother sold tern horizon, Carlyle, the English cy- And childhood with its locks of gold

ng. How like a thing of life the old to him. The artist looked furtively flag ran, 'mid fire and smoke and terri- to the right and then to the left, and ble carnage to the top of command then whispered: "Ali is right. We

its stripes a deeper red with loyal That evening, as the sun was set- Bennington in command of Lieutenant ting, this young American girl, relat-It was also given to these history ed these conversations to the other makers of more than one-third of a members of the excursion party. Then century gone to demonstrate that a springing from her chair she took off free government, of the people, for her yatching cap and waving it shout- place in the procession. It did not

of democracy been tried, but it had al- Yes, but forty years ago in one-half ways failed most disastrously. The of America we too, dared not speak. to Harmony Hall on King street where

> When first I saw our banner wave Above the Nation's Council hall, I heard beneath its marble wall, The clanking fetters of the slave!



REV. J. A. CRUZAN (Photo by Williams).

nic, said: "A foul chimney is burn- Blue-eyed and fair with Saxon blood ing itself out over there." He voiced I shut my eyes and held my breath the glad thought of depotism everywhere and the town-trodden and oppressed throughout all the world hid

But in that critical hour two million brave soldiers stretched forth their hands to stay the tottering ark of liberty. One-half a million willingly went to their death. America and the world owes it to these men that free government is no longer an experiment but an omnipotent fact, a fact as dear to the South as the North, for President McKinley, the worthy successor of Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Lincoln, finds no more loval support north of the Mason-Dixon line than that which comes to him from the South.

Think for a moment what would have been the result had these comrades failed in this part of their work. Instead of a grand, strong nationaliy, two weak, rival, jealous republics, would be side by side, suspiciously watching each other. What nation would then have dared to say to Spain: must cease."

It was the mission of these men also nor at what cost it was purchasd. It would do some Americans good to visit some other land and breathe for a ime a different atmosphere. It is told that a bright American girl, a graduate of Wellesley, formed one of an excursion party on an American steamer in the Mediterranean. They spent several weeks in Constantinople. In her shopping tours she made the acquaintance of an intelligent Turkish merchant. One day after having completed her purchases, this American girl said to Ali: "Why do not the Turks of your class say to the government that these horrible Armenian atrocities must cease?"

Ali sprang from his cross legged position on his mat and bowing low, said n bated breath: "We do not speak." a if the men did not put an end to

single day."

met an artist acquaintance who was Half a lifetime to have shared

And smothering down the wrath and

That set my northern blood aflame, Stood silent, where to speak was

On the oppressor's side was power: And yet I knew that every wrong, However old, however strong,

But waited God's avenging hour! I knew that Truth would crush the lie Somehow, sometime the 'end would

Yet scarcely dared I hope to see The triumph with my mortal eye. But now I see it! In the sun A free flag floats from yonder dome,

And at the Nation's hearth and home The Justice, long-delayed, is done. Yes, thank God, we live at last under t free flag. Wherever the Stars and Stripes float there is freedom both for

Americans. We owe this boon of a Starvation and butchery in Cuba nation, free in fact as well as in name to the brave men of 1861. We living comrades, survivors of a to strike down slavery and to make passing generation, join in honoring free speech the right of every Ameri- the patriots who are today making a can from one end of the land to the new page in history. We too, love our dom of speech, which we now possess. honor to our living heroes who are making history. Honor also for our dead comrades who made history

> But also were those armies grand, one under Grant which fought its way through the Wilderness by way of Petersburg to Appomatox, and that other under Sherman, which marched from Atlanta to the sea. And when their grand work was done these two armies, you remember, held a review in Washington. Of them, some one

rade Merritt now on the ocean speed-

ing its way to Manila by the way of

Did you see them yesterday "But you ought to speak. In Ameri- Marching down the broad highways. Did you hear the distant drum such atrocities, we women would rise And the people's shout, "They Come!" and overthrow such a government in If with me you then had stood. Seen that city's multitude,

"Madam," said All, "We dare not On their front, their rear, their flanks, Pressing in their very ranks-Passing through the streets she Gods! Methinks ye would have spared making his temporary home in Con- All the swelling thoughts that then

THE PROCESSION.

The members of the regular and volunteer companies arrived at the Drill colors sank before it. And it is still "Why do you dare not speak? Amer- Shed in good time, formed quickly and marched away promptly. From the Drill Shed the soldiers marched to the boat landing where they met a company of bluejackets from the U.S. S. Eaton. The sailor boys were ready on time and Grand Marshal De La Vergne was there to assign them to their take long to do this customary courtesy and in about five minutes the soldiers and sailors were on their way the members of Geo. W. De Long Post, G. A. R. and the Army and Navy Union from the Bennington were waiting.

The soldiers and sailors marched to Alakea street, where they faced about in line. The members of the G. A. R. were soon in their wagonettes and, followed by the members of the Army and Navy Union, joined the first part of the procession and marched up Alakea street. The procession then continued up Emma and turned over on Vineyard to Fort. From Fort the line of march was across School to Nuuanu and up to the cemetery.

The procession was not as large as it was last year but the appearance was fine. There was an absence of the police as well as officials of the Government.

There were in all six companies of volunteers and two of regulars in the procession. Their excellent marching was commented upon frequently by people along the way. Col. Fisher was

in command of the Regiment. There were three wagonettes used by the members of the G. A. R. In the first, with Post Commander Greene and other veterans, rode Lieut. Winterhalter and Assistant Paymaster Du Bois of the Bennington. Each of the G. A. R. men carried a small bouquet of flowers with which to decorate the graves of their dead comrades.

The detachment of members of the Army and Navy Union was twentythree strong and in command of Chief Master-at-arms McKay. Of these, 20 were from the Bennington and three from the city. The latter brought up the rear. The band, in command of Captain Berger and the drum corps, were never in finer shape.

Everything went off in good shape from the start at the Drill Shed to the end of the march at Nuuanu Cemetery and for this a great deal of credit must be given to Col. De La Vergne, the Marshal of the day.

Upon returning from the cemetery the soldiers escorted the Bennington company back to the boat landing and then returned to the Drill Shed.

Gamblers Fined

In the Police Court yesterday the gang of Chinese gamblers captured at the old Chinese theatre last week, plead guilty to the charge of gambling. the bodies and brains of men. No The two men who had charge of the longer, North or South, do they table were fined \$10 and costs while shackle the hands or tongues of the remaining 15, the players, were fined \$5 and costs.

A GENERAL INVITATION.

The millinery displayed at L. B. Kerr's Queen street store is a sight other. Americans born since 1861 do Dewey, Sampson, Miles, also Foote, long to be remembered. Hats and not realize the priceless boon, the free- Farragut, Grant and Lincoln. All bonnets are many and beautiful. The style of trimming most artistic; the arrangement of colors most exquisite, That is a grand army gathered at and must be seen to be appreciated. Chickamauga, now facing Cuba and the An inspection is solicited. All are grand work cut out for it there. That | cordially invited. is also a grand army in charge of Com-

